

2023 I-90 & HWY 14 TOUR—CLASIC

Crop, Livestock and Soil Innovation Conferences

Network, learn and get inspired with area farmers and regional farming innovators about current trends for improving productivity and profitability in crop, livestock and healthy soil building operations. The Crop, Livestock, and Soil Innovation Conferences (CLASIC) is made up of two tours, traveling along Interstate 90 and Highway 14, consisting of several stops. See schedules below for details and links to more info and register with the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition website: mnssoilhealth.org. Each venue's program is unique and varied—be sure to check them all out online and register for multiple events.

This tour of informative events is brought to you by the following Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation District offices and staff: Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Olmsted, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rice, Root River, Steele, Waseca, Winona. Sponsorship also provided by the Freeborn Area Soil Health Team (FASHT) Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, The Land Stewardship Project and the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

CLASIC Tour Events

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Heron Lake Community Center
312 10th St, Heron Lake, MN
Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Andy Linder
<https://bit.ly/3BmINcB>

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Fairmont Knights of Columbus Hall
920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN
Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Andy Linder
<https://bit.ly/3WjR0Xb>

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Stewartville Civic Center
120 City Center Plaza, Stewartville, MN
Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Martin Larsen, Andy Linder
<https://bit.ly/3BhOkkQ>

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Hokah Fire Station
9 Mill St, Hokah, MN
Speakers: Dean Sponheim, Martin Larsen
<https://bit.ly/3UJUh02>

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

Torey's Restaurant
208 N Cedar Ave, Owatonna, MN
Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll
<https://bit.ly/3BfJfj1>

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

Sleepy Eye Event Center
110 12th Ave NE, Sleepy Eye, MN
Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll
<https://bit.ly/3bc2pcE>

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

Lake Benton Community Center
114 Center St South, Lake Benton, MN
Speakers: Jay Fuhrer, Jason Stoll
<https://bit.ly/3uD2BF0>



DEAN SPONHEIM

Dean is a fourth generation farmer from Mitchell County, IA. He is known as the "Accidental Conservationist." His passion is helping producers work through challenges when implementing change.



MARTIN LARSEN

Martin farms 700 acres near Byron, MN producing corn and soybeans food-grade oats alfalfa as well as meat goats and beef cattle. Larsen speaks on soil science water quality regenerative ag practices challenges/innovations in food/farming markets and caving.



ANDY LINDER

Andy farms with his dad Don near Easton, MN. They raise corn soybeans oats canning crops and grass hay. Their journey to soil health started in 2010 with a vertical tillage machine. He does custom hire with a high clearance cover crop seeder or a vertical till with a seed box post-harvest.



JAY FUHRER

Jay built a career taking care of the soil growing up on a small grain farm. Working 40 years at the Natural Resources Conservation Service/USDA out of Bismarck, ND, he's shared his knowledge of soil building with farmers through the U.S. and the globe.



JASON STOLL

Jason is a consultant with Advancing Eco Agriculture founded by thought-leader farmer educator author and entrepreneur John Kempf. He works with farmers and horticultural professionals to improve farm economics by regenerating healthy soil.

REGISTRATION

Registration is online via link for the events you want to attend: <https://www.mnssoilhealth.org/>

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